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Attention: Thomas Piovesan via email Thomas.Piovesan@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms MacDonald

RE: Oakdale South Industrial Estate (State Significant Development SSD 6917) Request for comments on development application for concept proposal and stage 1.

I refer to your letter received by the Heritage Division on behalf of the NSW Heritage Council on 11 November 2015 seeking comments on concept proposal and stage 1 DA for the above described State Significant Development (SSD). It is noted that we previously provided comments to the Department of Planning & Environment in a letter dated 16 November 2015, however the following additional comments are provided on the above project and are related specifically to historical archaeological impacts.

The Heritage Division understands that archaeological test excavation has taken place which has confirmed the presence of some areas of substantially intact relics and deposits associated with the former Lochwood Estate within the proposed Oakdale South precinct. The Heritage Division also understand that Artefact Heritage Services has assessed these relics and associated archaeological deposits to be of local heritage significance.

However the Heritage Division disagrees with this assessment of the level of significance of these deposits and relics. The test excavation report provided has identified the site of Lockwood satisfies several criteria for state significance including the archaeological criterion (following testing results). The Heritage Division is also aware that the Lochwood estate was an early estate in the Cumberland Plain which was occupied by members of the Johnston Family (historical criterion) and it was also visited by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in the 1810s which he journalised (associative criterion).

The Heritage Division recommends that where the physical remains of the Lochwood Estate have been identified, these remains should be avoided wherever possible within the proposed development. However where these remains cannot be avoided, the following conditions are recommended to DPE:

- The Applicant must undertake full salvage excavation of all relics of the Lockwood Estate including any associated outbuildings and supporting elements. These relics should be retained by the land owner in a nominated repository on site.
- The nominated excavation director should satisfy the endorsed Heritage Council Excavation Directors Criteria at a State Level.
- The Archaeological Research Design and Excavation Methodology should be amended to take into account the potential State significant archaeology on site and be submitted for the endorsement by the Heritage Council of NSW as a condition of approval.
- A final archaeological excavation report should be prepared in accordance with Heritage Council guidelines and submitted within 1 year of the completion of the archaeological investigation at the Oakdale site. This report should be submitted for the information of the Department of Planning and Environment and a copy should be sent to the Heritage Council of NSW and the Local Council Library;
- An interpretation plan should be prepared by the Applicant following the completion of the proposed development. This interpretation plan should include information obtained through the historical research and archaeological (Aboriginal and historical) investigations of the subject land and allow the users of the site to understand the sites history.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Felicity Barry, A/STL Archaeology, Office of Environment and Heritage, on (02) 9873 8500 or by email at Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

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